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for compliance with the requirements in this subpart.

(d) Towing vessels controlling a barge or barges required to submit an NOA under this subpart must submit only one NOA containing the information required for the towing vessel and each barge under its control.

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## § 160.203 Exemptions.

- (a) Except for reporting notice of hazardous conditions, the following vessels are exempt from requirements in this subpart:
- (1) Passenger and supply vessels when they are employed in the exploration for or in the removal of oil, gas, or mineral resources on the continental shelf
- (2) Oil Spill Recovery Vessels (OSRVs) when engaged in actual spill response operations or during spill response exercises.
- (3) Vessels operating upon the following waters:
- (i) Mississippi River between its sources and mile 235, Above Head of Passes:
- (ii) Tributaries emptying into the Mississippi River above mile 235:
- (iii) Atchafalaya River above its junction with the Plaquemine-Morgan City alternate waterway and the Red River; and
- (iv) The Tennessee River from its confluence with the Ohio River to mile zero on the Mobile River and all other tributaries between those two points.
- (b) If not carrying certain dangerous cargo or controlling another vessel carrying certain dangerous cargo, the following vessels are exempt from NOA requirements in this subpart:
- (1) Vessels 300 gross tons or less, except for foreign vessels entering any port or place in the Seventh Coast Guard District as described in 33 CFR 3.35-1(b).
- (2) Vessels operating exclusively within a Captain of the Port Zone.
- (3) Vessels arriving at a port or place under force majeure.
- (4) Towing vessels and barges operating solely between ports or places in the continental United States.
  - (5) Public vessels.

- (6) Except for tank vessels, U.S. vessels operating solely between ports or places in the United States on the Great Lakes.
- (c) Vessels less than 500 gross tons need not submit the International Safety Management (ISM) Code Notice (Entry (7) to Table 160.206).
- (d) Vessels operating solely between ports or places in the continental United States need not submit the Cargo Declaration (Customs Form 1302), (Entry (8) to Table 160.206).
- (e) This section does not exempt any vessel from compliance with the U.S. Customs Service (USCS) reporting or submission requirements.
- (f) U.S. vessels need not submit the International Ship and Port Facility Code (ISPS) Notice information (Entry (9) to Table 160.206).

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## § 160.204 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:

Agent means any person, partnership, firm, company or corporation engaged by the owner or charterer of a vessel to act in their behalf in matters concerning the vessel.

Barge means a non-self propelled vessel engaged in commerce.

Carried in bulk means a commodity that is loaded or carried on board a vessel without containers or labels and received and handled without mark or count.

Certain dangerous cargo (CDC) includes any of the following:

- (1) Division 1.1 or 1.2 explosives as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.
- (2) Division 1.5D blasting agents for which a permit is required under 49 CFR 176.415 or, for which a permit is required as a condition of a Research and Special Programs Administration exemption.
- (3) Division 2.3 "poisonous gas", as listed in 49 CFR 172.101 that is also a "material poisonous by inhalation" as defined in 49 CFR 171.8, and that is in a quantity in excess of 1 metric ton per vessel.